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### THE FLEECING OF UTAH PROPERTY OWNERS

(Mr. HANSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Constitution says that if the Government takes private property, the owner of the property shall receive just compensation. In Washington County, Utah, the desert tortoise was put on the endangered species list. Therefore, the U.S. Government required hundreds of acres of tracts for that habitat. About 30 taxpayers were involved. They did not want to give up their ground. They wanted to keep it. But no, the Federal Government says, "We've got to take that ground for this habitat." And they said, "It's not taking your ground."

And then you ask, "What is it taking?"

"Well," they say, "you can keep your property but you can't put your foot on it. You can pay taxes on your property, but you can't use it. We're not taking your property."

So the Federal Government offered about one-fourth of the value of the ground. Now, is that fair? Is that just? Is that just compensation? I do not think it is.

Tom Brokaw of NBC does a program called *The Fleecing of America*. He used this land issue saying these poor taxpayers fleeced the American Government when they got it for that price. Well, he got it wrong, as the press normally does. I am just amazed that the media misses one so far. Who really got fleeced on this, Mr. Speaker? The people who got fleeced were those people that gave up their ground for one-fourth of the value.

### REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Democrats are running scared. Their message of fear, class warfare and big government has failed again. Even their own focus groups and polls tell them Americans want the Republican agenda of less taxes, less government and local control.

And who can blame them? Just listen to what the Republicans have accomplished: we have created the longest economic expansion in America's history, balanced the budget, paid down the national debt, saved Medicare, locked away 100 percent of the Social Security surplus, eliminated the Social Security earnings penalty, and elimi-

nated the marriage penalty and death tax. That is just to name a few.

The Democrats have attacked these accomplishments as risky. But I do not think it is risky to give something back to the very Americans who made this country great, the people.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed on Tuesday, July 25, 2000, in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 4033, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 4710, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for the second electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

### BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 2000

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 4033, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4033, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 3, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 439]

YEAS—413

Ackerman	Bonior	Combest	Klecza	Pitts
Aderholt	Bono	Condit	Klink	Pombo
Allen	Borski	Conyers	Knollenberg	Pomeroy
Andrews	Boswell	Cook	Kolbe	Porter
Archer	Boucher	Cooksey	Kucinich	Portman
Armey	Boyd	Costello	Kuykendall	Price (NC)
Baca	Brady (PA)	Cox	LaFalce	Pryce (OH)
Bachus	Brady (TX)	Coyne	LaHood	Quinn
Baird	Brown (FL)	Cramer	Lampson	Radanovich
Baldacci	Brown (OH)	Crane	Lantos	Rahall
Baldwin	Bryant	Crowley	Largent	Ramstad
Ballenger	Burr	Cummings	Larson	Rangel
Barcia	Burton	Cunningham	Latham	Regula
Barr	Buyer	Danner	LaTourette	Reyes
Barrett (NE)	Callahan	Davis (FL)	Lazio	Reynolds
Barrett (WI)	Calvert	Davis (IL)	Leach	Riley
Bartlett	Camp	Davis (VA)	Lee	Rivers
Bass	Campbell	Deal	Levin	Rodriguez
Bateman	Canady	DeFazio	Lewis (CA)	Roemer
Becerra	Cannon	DeGette	Lewis (GA)	Rogan
Bentsen	Capps	Delahunt	Lewis (KY)	Rogers
Bereuter	Capuano	DeLauro	Linder	Rohrabacher
Berkley	Cardin	DeLay	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen
Berman	Carson	DeMint	LoBiondo	Rothman
Berry	Castle	Deutsch	Lofgren	Roukema
Biggert	Chabot	Diaz-Balart	Lowe	Roybal-Allard
Bilbray	Chambliss	Dickey	Lucas (KY)	Royce
Bilirakis	Chenoweth-Hage	Dicks	Lucas (OK)	Rush
Bishop	Clay	Dingell		Ryan (WI)
Blagojevich	Clayton	Dixon		Ryun (KS)
Bliley	Clement	Doggett		Sabo
Blumenauer	Clyburn	Dooley		Salmon
Boehert	Coble	Doohittle		Sanchez
Boehner	Coburn	Doyle		Sanders
Bonilla	Collins	Dreier		Sandlin
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				Slaughter
				Smith (MI)
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				Smith (TX)
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				Sununu
				Sweeney
				Talent
				Tancred
				Tanner
				Tauscher
				Tauzin
				Taylor (MS)
				Taylor (NC)
				Terry
				Thomas
				Thompson (CA)
				Thompson (MS)
				Thornberry
				Thune
				Thurman
				Tiahrt
				Toomey
				Towns
				Trafficant
				Turner
				Udall (CO)
				Udall (NM)
				Upton
				Velazquez
				Visclosky